

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



October Meeting

Our next meeting is October 10th

Kohler Banquet Center
4572 Presidential Way
(Directions on Website)

Meal Price - **\$15.00**

Fun begins at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner reservations are required. There are no standing reservations. You need to make a reservation each month.

Please make your reservation at
<https://mvff.us/reservation/>
by 9:00 p.m. on October 6th

October Speaker



Our October 10th speaker will be Josh McQueen. He will speak about fishing for smallmouth on Lake Erie. Josh grew up chasing smallmouth bass on the Kokosing River. Fishing Lake Erie

at 11 for the first time left him hooked. He has been fly fishing since age 14 and his passion for fish on the fly has never stopped growing. At 24, Josh began guiding and teaching fly fishing and has been guiding now ever since. His jet boat and raft can get you into places where you will see more bald eagles than anglers!

Josh also holds a 25 ton masters license with the U.S. Coastguard and uses his 16ft Lowe deep v to guide near shore warm water and steelhead harbor trips and also inland lake Muskie trips.

Join us for an enjoyable evening.

~ John Young

President's Thoughts ...



Happy Autumnal Equinox!!! Fall is finally here. The summer heat is gone and the colors are about to arrive. It is time to get out and hit the streams for some killer fly fishing. I myself am packing up as I write this, for our annual trip to Michigan for some fantastic salmon fishing. Whatever it may be, salmon, trout, bass or bluegill, make sure to get out and enjoy the beauty that the fall offers. Spend that time with good friends and the ones that we care about the most. Share your talents by teaching a young niece, nephew or grandchild. Make some great memories. I was recently reminded of how life is short and can be taken from anyone of us at any time. We can't take our money or possessions with us, but our memories are with us forever and continue to live on as memories with others.

This month we will be back indoors at the Kohler Banquet Center. We will have a great speaker lined up and of course good food and conversation with other members. I will look forward to seeing you all there and as always,

Tight Lines.

Phillip Ritter
2022 MVFF President

2023 Dues

We are now accepting payments for 2023 dues. The best way to pay is online through our PayPal portal either with your PayPal account or as a guest with a credit or debit card (you do not need a PayPal account). This is also the easiest way for us as it eliminates the burdens of dealing with check and cash deposits. There is the added benefit of having a good record of payments.

Library Notes October 2022

Jana Champ recently brought to our attention a new book soon to be published by author Beau Beasley. Mr. Beasley hosts a podcast on flyfishing in Virginia as well as sponsors and hosts fly fishing expos annually in Virginia and Texas. *Healing Waters: Veterans Journey of Recovery in Their Own Words* is not Mr. Beasley's first publication, but by his own admission his most important work. We will add this volume to our library and make it available to the membership as soon as we receive it.

A quick note that the library has many great resources on salmon and steelhead including *Steelhead Guide*, by John Nagy; and *Salmon*, by Mark Kurlansky.

We are here to help with any research or interests. Check it out. J.W.

Raffle Winners

Here are the lucky winners from September's raffle

- Fishpond Dakota Carry-On Luggage: Chris Evans
- Complete Egg Pattern Fly Tying Set: Greg Ogdan
- Buff Bugslinger and 2 Pairs of Fishing Socks: Doc Balazs
- 6 Bottles of Sam Adams Lager, 3 Trout Pilsner Glasses: Sam Hudak
- Air Locks, Split Shot, \$100 Orvis Gift Card: JD Dukes

See you in October!

~ Lew Hofmann

Wagner Subaru Outdoor Experience

Eastwood Park

Saturday, October 1st, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 2nd, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MetroParks is lucky to have the support of a title sponsor, Wagner Subaru and a presenting sponsor, Huffy, to offset the cost of producing this free event for the public.

The Midwest's premier outdoor adventure festival brings the outdoor community together and introduces new people to the outdoors through dozens of activities. Demos by pro athletes and competitions wrapped in a fun and relaxing atmosphere with camping, food, beer, and music make this family friendly and dog friendly event a can't miss fall tradition.

As the region's conservation leader, Five Rivers MetroParks is proud to continue to showcase their award winning waste free initiative at the Wagner Subaru Outdoor Experience. More info at <https://outdoorx.metroparks.org>.

Secretary's Notes for September 2022

Forty-two hardy souls braved rain and wind to be part of our last outdoor meeting of the season. Four of the six new members were welcomed: Tom Howard, Richard Mandas, Mark Carr, and Noah Kaiser. We look forward to meeting Kody Vultee and John Beck at the October meeting. Reminder that in October we will begin accepting membership dues for 2023. New club brochures have been printed and will be distributed to fly shops and available at the next meeting. This brochure was designed by our own Shawn Johnson. Kelly Kingery talked about the upcoming Outdoor Experience at Five Rivers Metroparks Eastwood Lake. John Warner read a letter from Tom Allen to Scott Hale, Executive Administrator of Fish Management and Research at ODNR concerning involvement in restoration and management of trout and steelhead fisheries in Ohio. Walt Konek gave the treasurer's report noting that the club was well funded. Phil Ritter presided.

Jeff Davis

Here's a link to the new brochure . . .

<https://mvff.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/mentoring-brochure.pdf>

The Ohio Trout and Steelhead Summit, held August 19th, should be of interest to many MVFF members who want to support efforts to preserve and improve our trout and steelhead fishing experiences. Here are links to letters that support these efforts and raise important issues for consideration. You can send letters of support to Scott Hale of DOW as well.

<https://mvff.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/trout-steelhead-summit-letter.pdf>

<https://mvff.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/TU-brook-trout-questions.pdf>



October Fly of the Month

Gartside Gurgler

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photography by Bob Cain



Recipe

Hook..... Wet/Streamer/Bass, size 8 -2/0
Thread..... White, 6/0 or 3/0
Tail..... Bucktail or Marabou, white
Tail topping.. Pearl Krystal Flash
Body..... Closed cell foam, white, 1/8" thick
Rib..... White or grizzly saddle hackle
Shell..... Closed cell foam

1. Place the hook in the vise. Tie in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap a neat thread base back to the middle of the hook shank. Cut off the thread tag.
2. Cut a sparse batch of bucktail (or full tail of marabou plumes) and tie it in at the middle of the hook shank as a tail. (The tail should be roughly 1 1/2 times the length of the hook shank.) Wrap over the hair butts back to the hook eye and remove any excess hair butts. Wrap the thread back to the tail tie-in point. (The rear half of the hook shank should be bare.)
3. Tie in 5-6 strands of Krystal Flash by their middle on top of the tail at the tail tie-in point, then fold the front half of the strands back over the tail and bind them down at the tail butt with a few thread turns to keep them out of the way. Try to keep the flash that you folded back centered on top of the hook shank as we will later pull it forward over the middle of the shellback. Let the thread hang.
4. Cut a 4"-5" strip of foam approximately 1/4"-3/4" wide (depending on hook size), lay it on top of the hook shank with one end just behind the hook eye, and tie it in with several firm thread wraps at the same point as the tail. (About 2"-3" of the foam should be laying over the rear of the hook shank and tail.)
5. With firm thread wraps, wrap the thread forward toward the eye making 4-5 distinct and evenly spaced segments, cupping the foam around the hook shank as you wrap the thread forward. When you move the thread forward from one segment to the next, ensure that the thread cross-over points are on top of the foam body (and not visible from the sides or bottom). When you reach the hook eye, wrap the thread back to the foam tie-in point, keeping the wraps in the same locations as the first wraps,

crossing over on top of the body and tightening the wraps as you go back. You should now have 5 distinct body segments and the thread should be back at the foam tie-in point.

6. Now select an appropriately sized saddle hackle, strip the barbs from one side, and tie it in on top of the foam body at the same point where you tied in the foam. Wrap the thread forward again to behind the hook eye, making sure to keep the thread wraps at the same points as when you formed the body segments. Palmer the hackle forward between the body segments and tie it off behind the hook eye. Remove any excess hackle and let the thread hang behind the hook eye.
7. Now grasp the rear flap of foam and pull it forward over the foam body and tie it off tightly behind the hook eye. **DO NOT CUT OFF THE EXCESS FOAM.**
8. Go back to the tail and grab the 5-6 flash strands of Krystal Flash that you initially folded back (see step 3) and pull them forward over foam shell and tie them off directly behind the hook eye. (Be sure to keep the strands centered on top of shell.) Trim off any excess flash.
9. Lift the forward remaining segment of foam and bring the thread under it directly behind the hook eye, do a whip finish, and cut the thread.
10. Pull the remaining foam forward over the hook eye, and with your scissors just in front of the hook eye, cut straight across the foam to form a head. At your option, you may round the edges of foam head. You can also coat the Krystal Flash on the top of the body with super glue for additional durability if desired.

<https://charliesflybox.com/blogs/step-by-step-tutorials/gartside-s-gurgler>

<https://www.panfishonthefly.com/blog/2019/9/27/a-simple-gurgler-variation-for-panfish-amp-bass>

Website Updates

As was said previously we've made some changes. Some behind the scenes changes have improved the speed of the site considerably including optimization of images and other media as well as improved caching. Pages load much more quickly.

The most recent change is the inclusion of recent forum topics on the home page. We are going to use the forum for some announcements among other things. You can view the topic but will have to login to post a reply. You are also welcome to post a new topic - you will have to login to do this however (more than 70% of members are registered).

~ Tom Arnold

Casting Competition News!

We've completed this year's casting competition. Thanks to everyone for participating. Remember - although we did keep score and everyone hoped to win, the real point of doing this (other than to just have a good time) was to improve our casting abilities.

September Distance Casting Results

First Flight: Jim Vota
Seniors: John Young
Masters: Greg Kiddon



August Casting Results Correction

The winners of the Bass Bug Competition were . . .

First Flight: Kelly Kingery
Seniors: John Young
Masters: Ken Hudak

I need last year's winners to bring trophies to the October or November meeting so I can have them engraved with this year's winners.

Bob Zitney

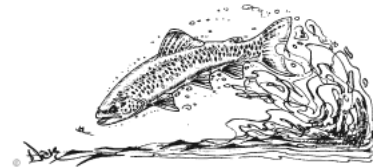
Tom Allen – Lifetime Achievement Award

Tom Allen was recently awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Greater Dayton Partners for the Environment. The Partners for the Environment's Partner of the Year Awards celebrate those who work to protect, preserve, and restore the environmental and agricultural resources of the Great Miami River and Little Miami River watersheds. The Awards recognize some of our victories and honors those who provide us with leadership and inspiration.

Enjoy this video about Tom and this well-earned honor. We thank Tom for all he has done and for his continuing work.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TaDGu4RsyPY>

(Tom is a Lifetime member of MVFF)



The Next Generation of Fly Fishers is Born

Maggie followed me into the garage where I had been sent to find a new battery for her sister's Barbie doll car. Unhappy missing school for an early fall cold, she trailed me to the work benches.

"Grandpa. What are these?" She said pointing at the lower bench where I tied flies and where the cat lay watching us.

"Those are bait that we tie in hopes of catching trout and bass." I replied.

"Can I make one?" Her ten-year-old voice squeaked.

With a smile I pulled a second vice from the top shelf and rolled the spare stool up to the left side of the bench. "Sure sweetheart."

Moving the cat from his perch among the thread spools and chenille dispenser, turning the strip light on above the table, we sat down and began by crimping the barbs on a couple of #10 mustang hooks.

Her fine fingers did not need much schooling in how to start the thread though a lesson we all have learned did not escape her when her pinkie finger found the hook point. No matter, a little lick of the lips and an always handy grandpa band aid (electric tape) and we were back in business. She spied the barbell bug eyes of Clouser fame and decided they had to be included. So easy lessons aside, beginner's ants, and San Juan worms be damned, we forged straight ahead to a Clouser minnow with white and red buck tail, Flashabou, and for reasons known only to my ballerina, pink thread. Carefully we began constructing a decent looking minnow, upside down and all.

It was the strident voice of a four year old from the doorway with a stamp of the foot for good measure that interrupted our good pleasure..."Grandpaaaa. Where's my battery?"

As I turned to reach in the drawer for a new battery, Maggie said "Grandpa can we go fishing?" And my heart was full.

~ Jeff Davis



Mid-Week Fly Fishing 2022 - Last Event on October 13th

Thanks to Ken Davy for once again putting together a list of fishing spots and a schedule from March - October.

We're now at the last event which will be at Carriage Hill MetroParks.

It starts at 4:30 p.m. If you have specific questions contact Ken at tiggr75@gmail.com.

Location	Date	Special Considerations	Map	Fishing Info
Possum Creek Ponds	3/10/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/dBKmawZhb3aHFwDR6	Fishing for stocked trout and early season crappies.
Madison Lakes	4/7/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/Uk4eVcLPQ9QdXuN9	Fishing for early season bass, and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers and Zoo Cougars for the bass.
Deer Meadow Park	4/14/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/CquLXGskM7Ug1766	Fishing for early season bass, and big bluegills.
Lofino Park	4/20/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/nfzb6JGFax84Nejs6	Fishing for early season bass, crappies and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers, Zoo Cougars, and Muddlers for the bass, both LMB and SMB. Green Wienies or tiny streamers for the Crappies. Popper and dropper for the bluegills. (Or, if you're Shawn, a sponge spider and a Higgs's SOS.)
Delco Park	4/26/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/pgKZCeQVD5wC2Mo6	Tiny streamers or mayfly nymphs for the crappies. Foam beetles or beadhead nymphs for bluegills. Bushy marabou streamers or crawdad imitations for the bass.
Old Reid Park	5/3/2022	Kayaks	https://goo.gl/maps/1a2maUVWYdG5GRV7	Fishing for early season bass, crappies and bluegills.
Arthur Fisher Park	5/12/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/X45ziJdf6FYLZvb36	Fishing for early season bass, and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers, or Muddlers for the bass, poppers or foam beetles for the bluegills. Cast about 5 feet from shore for gills, up to 10 feet for the bass.
Lakengren Lake and ponds	5/18/2022	Waders	https://goo.gl/maps/7XwZngWYLRJaRjFTA	Not sure about any of these waters, but we're in on a pass from Todd Alexander. He says the best fly fishing is in Thor Lake or Valhalla Lake.
Wellfield Park	5/24/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/No37irseev1Z49o68	Plenty of fish here! LMB, SMB, bluegills, crappies and big carp.
Possum Creek - Argonne Lake	6/2/2022	Kayaks	https://goo.gl/maps/dBKmawZhb3aHFwDR6	Kayak opportunity! Bass tanking up for spawning and bluegills on their beds. Topwater heaven!
Miami View Park	6/8/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/to6qZip9aqVDi3uM8	There are bass here but you need to get down to them.
Deer Meadow Park	6/14/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/CquLXGskM7Ug1766	Bluegills and crappie, the bass should be in pre-spawn binge and building nests. Easy to catch but make sure you are gentle and release them.
Centennial Park	6/23/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/m1pKZUzFchPMFPaL7	Small pond, bluegills at least, not sure what else.
Lofino Park	6/29/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/nfzb6JGFax84Nejs6	Fishing for early season bass, crappies and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers, Zoo Cougars, and Muddlers for the bass, both LMB and SMB. Green Wienies or tiny streamers for the Crappies. Popper and dropper for the bluegills. (Or, if you're Shawn, a sponge spider and a Higgs's SOS.)
North Park	7/5/2022	Boats, Kayaks	https://goo.gl/maps/1DUzia3Z85zSAMxy7	This one is primarily for the kayak and boat crowd. The bank fishing here is very tough. Boats are allowed but these ponds are very narrow and shallow, so you'll want to stay with the trolling motor. I have fished here a little, but I have not been able to discern any patterns as of yet.
Oak Grove Park	7/14/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/iBV9FWIR2wJTrXsR6	Fish quartering out from shore with poppers or foam bugs for big bluegills, or with Clousers, Buggers, or Zoo Cougars for bass. Some big bass in here. What to do for crappies is anybody's guess.
Eastwood - Blue Lake	7/20/2022	kayaks	https://goo.gl/maps/MTXa83CSXJVVnUA6	Deep with steep sides, but plenty of wood cover all around with bass hiding and cruising under it.
Carriage Hill	7/26/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/ooWMe8eXMT5TnTYV9	Not sure how this one will fish in July.
Wellfield Park	8/4/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/No37irseev1Z49o68	Plenty of fish here! LMB, SMB, bluegills, crappies and big carp.
Dr. Bowers Lake	8/10/2022	Kayaks (Long portage)	https://goo.gl/maps/8eYhxiTveZGdNjz5	Go to the kayak and fish the edges up under the trees.
Oak Grove Park	8/16/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/iBV9FWIR2wJTrXsR6	Fish quartering out from shore with poppers or foam bugs for big bluegills, or with Clousers, Buggers, or Zoo Cougars for bass. Some big bass in here. What to do for crappies is anybody's guess.
Lofino Park	8/25/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/nfzb6JGFax84Nejs6	Concentrate on bluegills in the shade, and bass along the bottom, low and slow.
Rip Rap Road Park	9/1/2022	Wading, Kayaks (long portage)	https://goo.gl/maps/79oLpdMUDLkNyGWQA	Bring your waders and/or your kayaks! This one is on the Great Miami River in September, meaning the Fall bit should be under way! Kayakers, bring your portage wheels because it's about 300 yards from the parking lot to the river.
Arthur Fisher Park	9/7/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/X45ziJdf6FYLZvb36	One last shot at Fisher Park. Olive Woolly Buggers, or Muddlers for the bass, poppers or foam beetles for the bluegills. Cast about 5 feet from shore for gills, up to 10 feet for the bass.
Rosewood Park	9/13/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/D8UQYwmoxxhcDGMRA	There are big bluegills here. When they decide to hit, they do not waste any time!
Eastwood Lake	9/22/2022	Boats, Kayaks	https://goo.gl/maps/hchrBeZyrd6Sqygb9	Another kayak day! I plan to launch from the landing nearest Harshman Road. Fishing at the inlet pipe is much easier from a boat or kayak. Let's pile up some species this day! LMB, SMB, White bass, crappies, bluegills, perch and saugeye are all there for the catching.
Carriage Hill	9/28/2022	Kayaks	https://goo.gl/maps/ooWMe8eXMT5TnTYV9	Carriage Hill comes into its own in the late season.
Carriage Hill	10/13/2022	Kayaks	https://goo.gl/maps/ooWMe8eXMT5TnTYV9	As I said, Carriage Hill comes into its own in the late season. So much so, that I think it's worth one last shot.



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You can find the latest news out of national PHWFF at . . .

<https://projecthealingwaters.org/news-media/press-releases/>

Stay tuned for upcoming announcements about local PHWFF activities.



FFI has made strides to grow the fly fishing community through the launch of a dynamic new Fly Fishers International website, including the revamped FFI Learning Center, accessible to anyone with a passion for the sport. This modern new website is easier to navigate and highlights FFI's strength in fly fishing education with an incredible repository of videos, articles, and manuals on casting, fly tying, conservation, and fly fishing skills. <https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Learn/Learning-Center-Resources>

Some great activities are planned for the FFI Virtual Expo. As information becomes available it will be posted to this page below. Come back often to check for updated information.

https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/virtual-expo?utm_source=mailchimp&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=fff

Looking for another way to dive into the world of fly fishing? Try *Fly Fish Forever*, the official podcast of Fly Fishers International. Find *Fly Fish Forever* on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), and [Amazon](#), or your favorite podcast source.

MVFF Flybrary

The "Flybrary" is a way members can share with each other the flies they use to catch fish. Learn more at <https://mvff.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/MVFF-Flybrary-Project.pdf>.



Little Miami Watershed Network

Below is the link to the September 2022 quarterly of the Little Miami Watershed Network newsletter and where you can subscribe. Learn how you can join our network in caring for the well-being of this beautiful river.

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=d0849e781ada00f84ee13de0b&id=a619ff0c92>



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Find All Fishing Reports

Fishing reports are broken down by region – Lake Erie, central, northeast, northwest, southeast, and southwest – all of which can be found online.

<https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/buy-and-apply/hunting-fishing-boating/fishing-resources/fishing-reports-forecasts>

Backyard Wildlife Documents

Some nice resources to check out . . .

<https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/discover-and-learn/safety-conservation/about-ODNR/wildlife/documents-publications/backyard-wildlife-documents>

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CALENDAR

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Remember, you can find many photos of MVFF happenings on our [Facebook](#) page.

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/photos/>



Did You See the Canada Trip Photos

A great trip. See the story in the July 2022 issue of [Tightlines](#) and

check out the photos from this trip - https://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/photos/?ref=page_internal

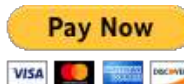
There are lots of other photos and albums on the FB page.

Help!

I always need and appreciate member-submitted material for this newsletter. So if you have been on a fishing trip and want to write an article and share pictures, please send info my way. Maybe you have tactics, equipment tips, a new fly pattern or some other knowledge you would like to share. We would welcome the contributions. If you have ideas on what you would like to see in

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